

Top Photo: An auger buzzard who lives at the eagle aviary, spreads his wings as signs of spring return to Shawnee.

Meet the CPN candidates for office



Hear from the 2017 candidates for the CPN Tribal Legislative and Executive races.

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Why tribal gaming didn't fix education funding



In Oklahoma, tax cuts have undermined money from tribal gaming revenues to education.

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Tribal gaming supports nearly 28,000 jobs in Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association released its second annual report on tribal gaming enterprises, showing gaming had a \$7.2 billion statewide economic impact in 2015. Despite the continued downturn in the energy industry, gaming enterprises employed 27,994 people statewide during that time, 76.6 percent of which were full time positions. Because many gaming enterprises are located on tribal trust lands outside of the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan areas, more than 66 percent of these jobs were based in rural areas of Oklahoma.

James Kalas, whose firm KlasRobinson Q.E.D. worked on the report, [told a press conference at the Oklahoma Capitol](#) that the state's tribal gaming operations were something to be proud of.

"I think that Oklahomans and Oklahoma should be proud of the magnitude of the industry. I don't know of any state in the country that has come so far and accomplished so much," he said.

In addition to job creation, tribal gaming operations have paid the state \$1.1 billion in exclusivity fees since 2006 alone. In 2015, tribal government gaming operations and their employees paid out nearly \$325 million in payroll-related taxes to Oklahoma as well as \$33 million to the state in the form of income taxes.

Despite a common misconception that tribal enterprises hire only Native Americans, a [2015 study by the OIGA and Oklahoma City University](#) showed that non-tribal citizens held 60 percent of the jobs, mak-



Tribal gaming operations like the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort have been a boon to Oklahoma amidst a recession.

ing the average casino employee a non-Native American woman.

While Oklahoma has 39 federally recognized tribal nations, only 31 have gaming operations. The 130 gaming operations owned by tribes include casinos, hotels, bingo halls, and ancillary facilities such as golf courses, bars, restaurants, spas and recreational vehicle parks.

The development of these facilities is largely underappreciated, as many tribal gaming jobs are thought only to deal strictly with the casino floor operations. Yet as the OIGA report shows, induced and indirect impact on the state from operations and construction is estimated to be just more than \$2.2 billion annually. Of these operations and construction, 60 percent took place in rural Oklahoma.

The report notes that tribal government gaming operations in Okla-

homa spent \$363 million on capital improvements. This translated into the creation of more than 2,700 jobs in the construction industry, whose earnings totaled almost \$124 million.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation's own economic impact in Oklahoma for 2015 was \$513 million, directly supporting 2,245 jobs across tribal enterprises and programs, both gaming and non-gaming alike. These jobs paid out an estimated \$82 million in wages and benefits and tribal government-owned enterprises and programs indirectly supported thousands more jobs in local economies through the purchase of \$193 million in goods and services. CPN gaming operations paid \$37 million in exclusivity fees and taxes to the state during the same time.

Capps honored at Kate Barnard Awards

Tribal Vice-Chairman Linda Capps has been recognized in many fashions while serving others as a school teacher, adult education instructor, businesswoman, and as the representative of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's second highest executive office. The vice-chairman was recognized in February for how her outstanding public service has benefitted Oklahoma women and families as she was named as one of two recipients of the 2017 Kate Barnard Awards.

"Needless to say I was very surprised to learn I was being honored for such a meaningful award," said Vice-Chairman Capps. "I'm thankful for the commission and their work,



Linda Capps

and I'm very pleased to have even been considered."

The Kate Barnard Awards have been given by the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women annually since 1998 to honor outstanding women in public service whose leadership has benefitted Oklahoma women and families. Nominees are from the ranks of elected or appointed salaried public officials in Oklahoma.

In 1907, Kate Barnard, a native of Oklahoma, became the first woman to win a statewide elected office in the United States as Commissioner of Charities and Corrections. She

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Meet the tribal executive and legislative candidates for 2017 Election

Several offices in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal government are on the ballot for Election Day 2017, including the executive office of tribal chairman and legislative districts 1, 2, 3 and 4. The *Hownikan* asked each candidate a brief set of questions as an introduction to both incumbents and challengers as CPN voters around the country will be voting on at least one election this year alongside the annual tribal budget. More in-depth articles on the candidates’ views and background will follow in the coming months ahead of the June elections.



Tribal Chairman - Incumbent John “Rocky” Barrett

Full name and Potawatomi name: John “Rocky” Barrett, *Keweoge* (He Leads Them Home)
Hometown: Shawnee, Oklahoma
Occupation: Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Chairman - 1985 to present | First National Bank and Trust Co. of Shawnee, Oklahoma - Chairman of the Board - 1989 to present | Cattle Rancher - BLC Angus Ranch - 500 head of Registered Angus cattle, cow/calf operation, bulls and replacement heifers - 1987 to present.
Potawatomi family name: My Grandfather was Oliver Peltier, my grandmother was Ozetta Bourassa Peltier
On why he believes running for the tribal chairman position is important: “Running for Tribal Chairman is important to me to continue the progress the tribe has made over the past 32 years. In particular, the importance of seeing through the successful establishment of the most unique tribal governmental form in the United States, with a “virtual Tribal Legislature” that provides elected representation for every member no matter their home location, is vital. The completion of our development as a multi-faceted tourism and commercial attraction that pulls customers from hundreds of miles around us should now become a source of opportunity, homes and jobs for our people.”



Tribal Chairman - Challenger Steve Castaneda

Full name and Potawatomi name: Steve Daniel Shincis Castaneda, *E-conush* (Leader of Small Group)
Hometown: Born in Wapato, Washington, currently resides in Shawnee, Oklahoma
Occupation: Street Maintenance for the City of Shawnee Municipal Government
Potawatomi family name: Burnett descendant of Abram Burnett the Last Chief of Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Clara Burnett, Clara E. Shincis
On why he believes running for tribal chairman is important: “My people suffered through the great Trails of Death to settle here in Oklahoma. With the words of the federal and local government, our lives would be better. Then with the Great Land Rush our lives were upturned again. Then our tribal office uses great words to give hope to all members, but only help a few in Oklahoma and not much to the members of this, once great people that we call Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribe. Now it’s time the tribe gives back to the tribal members. Every person counts and I am here for them.”



District 1 - Incumbent Roy Slavin

(*no opponent filed to contest this seat, though Slavin’s name will appear on the ballot)
Full name and Potawatomi name: Roy V. Slavin, *Netagtege* (Forever Planting)
Hometown: Kansas City, Missouri
Occupation: Avionics Technician (retired)
Potawatomi family name: Slavin
On why he believes running for the tribal legislature is important: “I ran because I see it as a way of giving back to the tribe.”



District 2 – Incumbent Eva Marie Carney

(*no opponent filed to contest this seat, though Carney’s name will appear on the ballot)
Full name and Potawatomi name: Eva Marie Carney, *Ojindiskwe*
Hometown: Arlington, Virginia
Occupation: Attorney and CPN Legislator
Potawatomi family name: Juneau
On why she believes running for the tribal legislature is important: “Serving as your tribal legislator allows me to assist tribal members and our families on a wide array of matters, and to share what I learn along the way about our Potawatomi history and heritage. My Potawatomi name, Ojindiskwe/Bluebird Woman, keeps me motivated. This blue and red bird symbolizes the liveliness and optimism of the Citizen Potawatomi people, two qualities that I strive to bring to my daily work as your legislator.”

Correction

In the February 2017 Hownikan, we mistakenly identified a candidate for tribal office, Steve Castaneda, by the wrong name. We apologize for the error.



District 3 - Incumbent Bob Whistler

Full name and Potawatomi name: Bob Whistler, *Bmashi* (He soars)

Hometown: Bedford, Texas

Occupation: Owner of “RedMan I am Promotions,” a distributorship for custom logo merchandise

Potawatomi family name: Bourassa

On why he believes running for the tribal legislature is important: “CPN has grown very dramatically and needs to be as diverse as possible. I am running for District 3 because I have experience in over eight industries in service, management, customer service and sales along with over nine years of government experience, that I can contribute towards our growth and future to benefit the constituents in district three and the nation.”



District 3 - Challenger Jahn Eric Humphreys

Full name: Jahn Eric Humphreys

Hometown: San Leon, Texas

Occupation: Family Law Attorney

Potawatomi family name: Slavin

On why he believes running for the tribal legislature is important: “I feel that it is very important for all of us to give back to our community. Only by all of us being involved and committed can we see our Nation strengthen and grow. Decisions and actions taken now will affect generations to come, and I want to help that future.”



District 4 - Incumbent Jon Boursaw

Full name and Potawatomi name: Jon E. Boursaw, *Wetase Mkoh* (Brave Bear)

Hometown: Topeka, Kansas

Occupation: Retired, but was previously a colonel in the U.S. Air Force, Assistant Vice President for Aetna Government Health Plans, Executive Director of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Director of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center

Potawatomi family name: Bourassa and Ogee

On why he believes running for the tribal legislature is important: “I feel the Nation’s legislature is still in the process of maturing as a governing body and I believe that the combination of my extensive background, performance and experience as a legislator for the past four years is critical to this evolution of it becoming a more effective governing body.”



District 4 – Challenger Theresa Adame

Full name and Potawatomi name: Theresa Adame, *Mdwejewen*

Hometown: Rossville and Delia area, but born in Topeka

Occupation: 35 years in Business Administration

Potawatomi family name: Navarre

On why she believes running for the tribal legislature is important: “Soon after the election many people realized just how important their vote is. After much thought, I have agreed to run for office again. I have told my family and friends I am not going this path alone. I have a great team and I hope to represent all of Kansas once again.”

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Ross Swimmer on tribal banks and the direction of Indian Country under Trump

While many Citizen Potawatomi know of the tribe's ownership of a bank, First National Bank and Trust Co., few know that amongst its board of directors is an individual whose previous positions include principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, assistant secretary of Indian Affairs and special trustee for American Indians in what has become known as the Cobell Trust Settlement. Ross Swimmer, an attorney and businessman with an extensive background in banking and government service, will be added to the Putnam City Schools Wall of Fame honorees in April 2017 for his service in the private and public sector as an influential Oklahoman. Swimmer spoke with the *Hownikan* about tribal opportunities in the banking sector, returning control to tribal lands from Washington D.C. and about his work with the Native Americans for Trump coalition and views on the upcoming administration's view towards Indian Country.

Getting involved in Indian Country

Swimmer was a successful attorney in Oklahoma City, working with Great Society affordable housing programs established by the Johnson Administration. Like anyone who has dealt with the various legalities and requirements that come with federal contracts, much of his practice involved setting up the right legal frameworks for clients that would build many of these housing complexes and homes for low-income families.

Around that time in 1971, his father, a Cherokee citizen, sat on an advisory board of then-Cherokee Principal Chief William Wayne Keeler. The principal chief was in the midst of developing programs that would simplify the ability to open trust lands for the Cherokee Nation that were in dispute due to numerous lease holders and other complicating factors.

"Dad told me 'they're having all kinds of problems getting Indian land titles cleared in eastern Oklahoma,'" recalled Swimmer. "Because as an Indian, if you wanted a house...you had to furnish an acre of land, free and clear. So often times you had an allotment but it could be in trust or had some other burden on it."

Extensive legal training and understanding of the complexities of real estate and land trust issues were needed, making Swimmer an excellent candidate to assist his tribe. At the encouragement of his father, he would voluntarily travel to Tahlequah one or two days a week to help sort out these issues.

"Then I begin to see what they were doing, and the tribe was just beginning to grow," he said.

In 1972 he joined the Cherokee Nation Housing Authority as an in-house counsel. Before long he transitioned into the tribal government's in-house attorney.

In 1974, Principal Chief Keeler announced he would not seek reelection, leading to a number of candidates to seek the position. Swimmer said that despite his understanding of the issues facing his tribe and motivation to see it succeed, he was not political.

"My practice was mainly real estate and trust and wills and all that. I did not want to go into a court room because I did not want to make a public speech," he explained with a laugh.

Despite this, Swimmer explained that as the candidate filing deadline approached Principal Chief Keeler said he was still in search of a successor he could support that would take the tribe to the next level. During a discussion one evening, Keeler asked him if he knew of anyone that would be a good candidate.

"I said 'Chief, I don't know. We can go out and start looking.'"

According to Swimmer, the longtime Cherokee leader looked at him and said "'Well I think I know who that should be' and he pointed at me, and the rest is history."

Swimmer spent the next few months travelling to Cherokee Nation gatherings as far flung as California to meet the tribe's voters. He even rode out an attempt to eliminate his candidacy after he had filed when opponents tried to change the age limit for principal chief to the age of 35 rather than what it had been when he'd registered, 30.

Elected in 1975, he served a decade as the leader of one of the largest and most influential tribal nations in the United States.

Banking: an opportunity for tribal wealth

Though an attorney by trade, Swimmer has also been involved in the banking sector. During his time as head of the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs during Ronald Reagan's second presidential administration, Swimmer said he was a supporter of CPN and other tribes owning a bank.

"From a tribal point of view, I saw it as an opportunity for a tribe to accumulate wealth without having the constant request for per capita payments," said Swimmer.

Upon his return to the private sector in 1989, First National Bank and Trust Co. invited Swimmer to sit on the board of directors.

"I consider it quite a privilege because the board is made up of members of the Potawatomi tribe, except for a couple of us, and they've done a wonderful job of taking what was a closed bank under FDIC rule and turned it into a very good, very strong and well managed bank," he said.

Swimmer is familiar with the challenges tribal governments have in building up capital from his time as



Ross Swimmer

principal chief of the Cherokee Nation and as head of the BIA. While a bank makes money, those funds go into its own capital funds to grow the bank itself.

"You can't grow the bank unless you grow your capital," said Swimmer. "But it doesn't throw off a lot of cash."

The specific purpose of those monies for reinvestment in the bank tends to keep short term political machinations such as pulling money out for per capita payments or other ventures a tribal government may seek to focus on, more difficult.

"What you're doing is creating wealth and you're putting that money back in a growing operation...this is an example that you can grow."

At CPN, it's not difficult to see that notion put into practice, especially when contrasting past and current circumstances. Coinciding with the time CPN purchased the bank, the tribe's assets and commercial holdings have grown at a rapid rate. Tribal businesses and programs have diversified and expanded, often times through the use of financing available through First National Bank and Trust Co. and entities like the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation.

Pushing for tribal control

In his admittedly "naïve" first talks with staff as the newly appointed Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in 1985, a 40-year old Swimmer said "You know, the object here is to work yourselves out of a job. We don't need the BIA, we need to plan 10 years from now that we've worked ourselves out of a job and things are going well on the reservation...well that went over like a lead balloon."

Swimmer also noted that while he believes that tribal nations are more sophisticated than they were when he took up his post as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs during the Reagan Administration, the overly burdensome relationship with the federal government continues to hinder development of Indian Country. Despite progress in certain areas, like

the HEARTH Act, which gives tribes more say on economic developments on their own lands held in trust by the U.S., Swimmer noted that more can be done to remove Washington D.C. from the equation.

He acknowledged that while legitimate concerns tribes could wantonly sell parcels of their land to the benefit of only a few tribal members or leaders, a legal framework could be developed to ensure tribal ownership of land whether it is held in trust or not.

"That could remain a federal responsibility, that if a tribe wanted to dispose of land they'd have to go back to the fed to do it. But everything else, especially environmental issues, historical preservation...those could all be put under the tribal law and the tribe could administer it."

Native Americans for Trump

The former BIA head is amongst a number of former and current officials who joined the group Native Americans for Trump, which is led by Oklahoma Congressman and Cherokee Nation citizen Markwayne Mullin. The group's aim is to guide the new administration on policy issues and appointments, which Swimmer said was to promote the appointment of more Native Americans to federal agencies like the treasury, housing and urban development and health and human services.

In December, Congressmen Mullin drew some criticism for saying that the Trump Administration should privatize tribal lands for energy development. Yet Swimmer cautioned that the congressman's use of the term "privatize" was unfortunate and a likely misstatement in the context of a broader discussion of removing the burden of federal oversight on tribal lands.

"The idea was to allow the tribes to use their property as though it was private," explained Swimmer. "But not privatize. We will never, as far as I'm concerned, see a time when tribes are told that they need to remove themselves from the federal government and run their own land."

He conceded that such allusions strike a painful note in Indian Country, where memories still vividly recall the termination era where the federal government attempted to destroy tribes by revoking their status as sovereign nations.

Swimmer's view on the incoming administration appears to be one of opportunity for tribes. Contrary to concerns raised by opponents of the new president, the Trump Administration may be open to hearing policies that allow for greater control of tribal lands by tribal nations themselves – specifically over what can be done on them to promote economic and resource development.

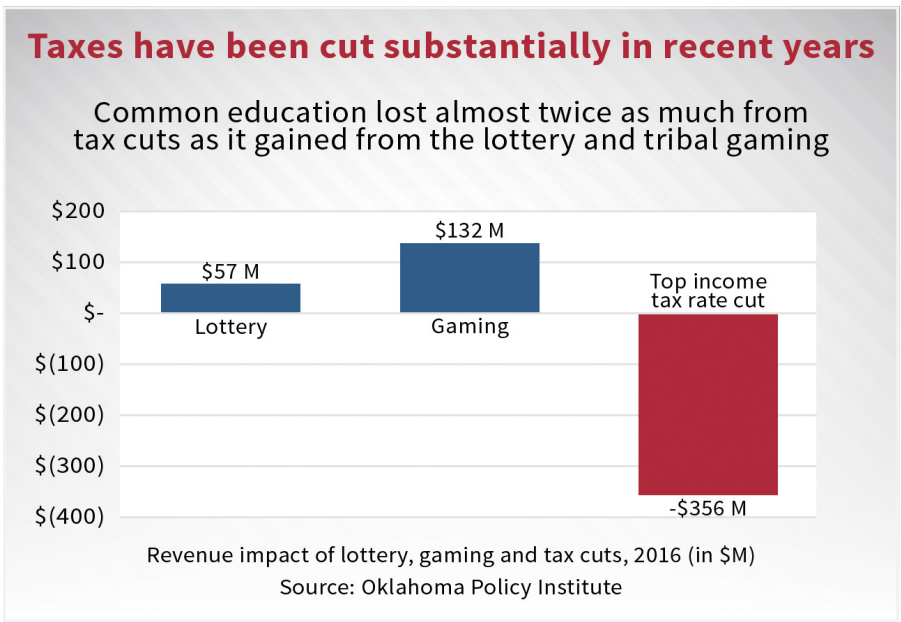
“What happened with the lottery?” - The straw man of the Oklahoma budget shortfall

As Oklahoma enters yet another year with a staggering budget shortfall – estimated to be \$878 million as the 2017 Oklahoma Legislative Session begins – a common rallying cry has been for increased funding for education. Politicians at the state capitol have heard the call, with more than a dozen education related bills filed ahead of the 2017 session. This comes in light of the defeat of a November 2016 ballot initiative that sought to raise teacher pay in Oklahoma, which is currently among the lowest in the United States.

One common riposte by critics of increased education funding initiatives is “Wasn’t tribal gaming and the state lottery supposed to fund education?”

On its face, this is an understandable concern for the nearly 60 percent of Oklahoma voters that approved tribal gaming in 2004. One of the main selling points to those who supported the passage of the lottery and tribal gaming was the promise that funds from their revenues would be allocated for common education.

Like any discussion on the budget however, the details and circumstances of this arrangement aren’t as clear cut as the question itself.



For one, a clear and open accounting of where tribal gaming revenues remitted to the State of Oklahoma are allocated remains unresolved, despite urging by tribal nations for more transparency. According to the terms of the state-tribal gaming compacts, after an initial \$250,000 is allocated to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for gambling education and treatment, 12.5 percent of tribal gaming revenues are sent to the state’s general revenue fund.

The remaining 87.5 percent of tribal gaming revenues are designated to general education.

Yet while the funds are remitted to the state, it remains unclear if those monies end up where they are supposed to or if they are being siphoned off for other uses.

Secondly, despite lottery and tribal gaming bringing more than \$189 million to state coffers for common education in 2016 alone, the effect of tax cuts in Oklahoma have far out-

weighed those figures. The Oklahoma Policy Institute estimates that top tax cuts to the top income tax rates in Oklahoma have cost \$356 million.

Lottery and tribal gaming can’t be relied upon to fill this deficit, and if recent indicators are correct, their contributions to education funding in Oklahoma may lessen over time. The Oklahoma Lottery Commission is required to return 35 percent of its profits to the Education Trust Fund, yet that cap also prevents the lottery from offering higher prizes. Tribal gaming faces a similar issue, with 31 of the state’s 39 Indian Nations owning and operating these facilities, the market has become saturated. In 2014, revenues from tribal gaming enterprises and racetracks actually fell compared to the year before, though they recovered to set a new record in 2015.

The lottery and tribal gaming have helped mask the overall implications of tax cuts to Oklahoma’s education funding in recent years, but given current trends it would be helpful for policy makers at the state capitol to look to long term solutions in addressing the shortfall.

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CPN Education update: March 2017

By Mindee Duffell, CPN Department of Education Internship Coordinator

The recent creation of the CPN Department of Education has helped streamline most of the college scholarship application processes for tribal members. Amongst the responsibilities of the department of education is the CPN Internship Program, which aims to streamline the internship process and allow the Nation to log information of all interns at the tribe.

The program matches interns with tribal departments based on education and career goals. It is open to any high school graduate, though there is always CPN preference. Interns work full time for six weeks, or part-time for a total of 240 hours, in a paid position and receive comprehensive soft skill development. To be considered for an internship, applicants must send a current copy of their resume and cover letter when applying. They

are then strategically matched to a tribal department relevant to their education and career goals, where they are assigned diverse tasks that provide an overview of what that department does and how it fits into the larger picture of the tribe as a whole. While housing and transportation are not provided, we can refer interns to local, non-tribal housing options with reasonable rates.

You might remember reading about former Potawatomi Leadership Program participant, Ivory Hanson. Ivory currently attends Iowa State University, where she studies business economics. In summer 2016 she returned to CPN after her PLP experience to intern and was placed with the CPN Planning and Economic Development Department because of similar career and educational goals. The department is led by Economic Director James Collard, Ph.D.

Ivory told us a little about her experience as an intern at CPN:

“This opportunity was an amazing experience to see the different ways CPN is growing economically, focusing mostly on the development of Iron Horse. I was able to attend meetings with Dr. Collard as he met with consulates from around the world. One of my favorite moments the summer I spent as an intern, was traveling to Houston and then having the chance to have dinner with the Japanese consulate. This experience was truly eye-opening at all of the projects CPN has going on and how interconnected they are.”

Collard said that he was extremely impressed with Ivory and the work she did while here. They have remained in contact, and he said he hopes Ivory will consider returning to Shawnee to work at CPN upon completion of her degree.

Several tribal members have interned at CPN this past year. For example, Jacki Nadeau is pursuing a social services degree and was placed in an internship in the Indian Child

Welfare Program. Heath Steward, who is majoring in biology at St. Gregory's University, is a current intern at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center and is assisting at the community garden. Additionally, Loralisa Summerhays is interning in the CPN Diabetes Program through CPN Health Services. She is also currently attending SGU, majoring in nursing. These examples give just a few snapshots into the diversity of placements offered to interns.

It is ultimately the goal for all interns to leave with a better understanding of the tribe while gaining work and educational experience that adequately prepares them for the work force.

Currently, we are accepting applications for interns for summer 2017. The deadline is April 1, 2017, and selected interns will be notified by May 1. To apply, please email a current resume and cover letter to me at mduffell@potawatomi.org.

THE CPN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER 2017

**APPLICATION DEADLINE
APRIL 1, 2017**

Do you want to serve the tribe in an internship role that aligns with your career goals? If so, this is the program for you. The Internship Program offers a paid, 240 hour internship with a CPN Tribal Department to members who meet qualifications.

To learn more or apply for the Summer 2017 session, email a current resume and cover letter to CPN Internship Coordinator Mindee Duffell at mduffell@potawatomi.org.

Potawatomi Leadership Program seeks 2017 participants

The Potawatomi Leadership Program is an immersive, six-week internship for Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members. Participants will travel to Shawnee, Oklahoma and live on CPN lands for the summer of 2017 as they are mentored by tribal leaders.

The program will take place from June 16 to July 29 and the participants will be at CPN during the annual Family Reunion Festival. During their time in Oklahoma, they will learn about each department and enterprise, the tribal government and Potawatomi culture. Each student will also use their creativity to plan and complete a project that will improve the tribe in some way.

“PLP students have an opportunity to connect to their heritage through ceremonies, dance, music and history,” CPN Department of Education Director and PLP Advisor Tesia Zientek said. “Tribal government leaders relish the opportunity to interact and share their experience with PLP students. When a student leaves after six weeks, they by no means have a full understanding of CPN, but they are equipped with the connections and tools to begin to answer the question, ‘What is CPN?’”



The 2015 Potawatomi Leadership Program class.

Many PLP alumni have shared their reflections about their time in the program at plp.potawatomi.org/alumni/, including 2016 alumna Susannah Howard, of North Thetford, Vermont.

“Being a member of the Potawatomi Leadership Program class of 2016 has been a life-changing experience,” Howard said. “I have completely changed how I look at the world, how I view my peers and how I see myself as a Potawatomi woman.”

To apply for this Harvard Honoring Nations award-winning pro-

gram, applicants must be a Citizen Potawatomi tribal member, 18-20 years old, have a 3.0 GPA and have completed no more than one year of college, without the addition of credit received while in high school.

“To me, the ideal PLP candidate is someone who cares deeply about becoming connected to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation,” Zientek said. “We do not view a student without tribal knowledge negatively. Instead, my favorite candidate is someone who convinces us through their application that no matter what their

relationship is with their tribal identity right now, they are committed to becoming engaged so that they can contribute to their community some way in the future.”

The application is now available and the deadline is April 15. To apply or find more information, please visit plp.potawatomi.org.



‘No Stick WIC’ brings less stress for participants

Caring for a newborn or toddler is a hectic process. Aside from the day-to-day responsibilities, parents and guardians make sure to get them to doctors’ appointments and ensure they’re getting a healthy diet. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Women, Infant, Children Program plays a role in assisting with some of the challenges facing parents of newborns and young children. It recently implemented a new practice into its program that monitors iron levels in these children and nursing mothers. CPN WIC Nutrition and Breastfeeding Coordinator Cheryl Richardson answered some questions about the new ‘No Stick WIC’ format.

How often were moms and kids being stuck to check their iron levels?

“Children over two years old were being stuck once a year if their iron level was good. If it was low, they were stuck every six months.

“Pregnant and postpartum non-breastfeeding women need one hemoglobin test each time they are pregnant or have a baby. Breastfeeding women have a test after birth and then if hemoglobin is low, six months later a second test is undergone.

“Being stuck with a lancet and seeing blood, plus some parents’ comments can be traumatizing to a child to the point they don’t want to step foot in the WIC office.”

What is done now that the ‘No Stick WIC’ is in place? How do you check iron levels?

“Trained staff checks the level using a machine that has a sensor that clips on the finger and reads the hemoglobin through the fingernail. At this time a child needs to weigh around 22 pounds for us to use this method. We still have to stick nine month olds and children under 2 years. We are waiting on the approval of the sensors for infants in the U.S.”

What signs should a parent look for if they’re concerned about an iron deficiency?

“Because the hemoglobin part of blood carries oxygen to all parts of the body, signs of iron deficiency can range from tiredness to getting sick easily to craving things like ice or dirt.

“Iron is not absorbed well from foods. Protein and Vitamin C can



Josias Noteware has his blood iron levels checked by CPN WIC’s Cheryl Richardson.

help the body absorb iron better. Meats, beans and dark leafy greens are some of the best sources of iron.”

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Women, Infant, Children program provides supplemental nutritious foods, health and nutrition education, referrals, and nutrition and breastfeeding counseling for eligible pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women as well as infants and

children under the age of five years. CPN WIC serves approximately 1,200 participants at its three permanent clinic sites and three mobile satellite sites in central Oklahoma. To learn more call 405-273-3216, visit <http://cpn.news/CPNWIC> or www.Facebook.com/CPNWICMain.

CPN Diabetes Initiative focuses on nutrition education in March

The prevalence of information on healthy lifestyles and healthy eating available to the average American can be overwhelming at times. The Internet is an important tool that allows for breaking news about the latest studies on the impact of a certain food or diet regimen to be delivered to the nearest smartphone. Yet that information access can quickly become information overload, making the importance of consulting experts or legitimate sources ever important.

At Citizen Potawatomi Nation, tribal members have several of those experts available to them. The CPN Diabetes Initiative is based out of FireLake Wellness Center and has a trained staff of dietitians, nurses and other healthcare providers to Citizen Potawatomi dedicated to improving their health. The *Hownikan* spoke to CPN Dietician Morgan Blackstock about March being National Nutrition Month in America.

What are some common issues you see as a dietician in terms of an unhealthy diet?

“A common misconception that I hear frequently is that people should cut all the sugar from their diet. Sometimes people think they are being healthy by doing this, but in reality, they are depriving themselves of vital nutrients from foods containing natural sugar, such as fruit and healthy dairy products like low-fat milk and yogurt.

“These foods that contain natural sugars are packed with water, fiber, and protective nutrients. The negative impact of sugar pertains to added sugars in food to make it sweet.”

Getting healthy or eating healthier sounds simple in practice, but what do you tell patients at the program when they’re first starting out in terms of how to begin?

“I often tell my patients when they’re first beginning to eat healthy is to create two to three simple and mea-

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sureable goals that are realistic and obtainable.

“This can be as simple as drinking one less soda per week or walking five to ten minutes per day. I know a lot of people are in a hurry to lose weight, but being healthy is so much more than losing weight. It is about

developing a positive relationship with ourselves, our food and our body.

“We cannot rush weight loss, and when we do try to rush, we often end up failing. I want my patients to focus on small lifestyle changes that can have big results.”

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What is the PLP?

The six-week Potawatomi Leadership Program brings a group of young tribal members from around the world to Shawnee, Oklahoma to learn about the government, culture, and economic development of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

For more information, please contact CPN Education Director Tesia Zientek at tesia.zientek@potawatomi.org
To read student perspectives and apply, visit plp.potawatomi.org

Potawatomi language is difficult but important to learn

There are fewer than 10 first-language Potawatomi speakers – people who learned Potawatomi first in the home and then learned English at another point in their life – and many are nearing 70 and 80 years old. As they age, fewer are available to help students learn the details of speaking Potawatomi.

However, there are a large number of people who are advanced speakers and continue to learn and teach. They are a vital resource, as they dedicate their lives to spending time with the elders and first language speakers to learn subtleties that – unless it is your mother tongue – you can lose.

“These are our frontline warriors fighting for a language that is endangered,” CPN Cultural Heritage Center Director Kelli Mosteller, Ph.D., said. “They are a precious resource.”

Many English speakers believe that learning Potawatomi is challenging because of the sentence structure and the length of the words.

“Potawatomi is a difficult language to learn,” Mosteller said. “What makes it so difficult is that English-speakers are used to looking at words and being comfortable with our short, small words. Potawatomi words are long and there are a lot of sounds that are put together that are not the easiest for us to sound out, especially those of us who learned to sound things out when we learned to read, so Potawatomi doesn’t look or feel natural.”



Byekkendan in Potawatomi means “learn something.”

Potawatomi students aren’t the only people who believe that the language is difficult. Ojibwe – the parent language of Potawatomi – was listed in the 1992 edition of the Guinness Book of World Records as the most complex language in the world based on the number of verbal patterns. Potawatomi and Ojibwe have a similar structure.

One of the identifying characteristics of Potawatomi is that it is heavily verb-based. Nouns are made of several smaller words that describe what the object does or how it’s used.

“Something that I’ve found particularly helpful is remembering that each word fragment has its own meaning,” Mosteller said. “Once you understand what a few letters put to-

gether mean, then you can recognize them in another word.”

CPN Language Director Justin Neely suggested that people who are interested in learning not be intimidated, but instead use it as much as possible in their everyday life.

“I think it’s all about applying yourself,” Neely said. “It’s a doable thing. It’s a matter of taking the time, working at it and not being too hard on yourself.”

Additionally, many Potawatomi tribes have language programs, whether online, on smartphone apps or in-person classes. Although the numbers of first-language speakers are decreasing, there are hundreds of people who are beginners, intermedi-

ate or showing an interest in the language, which is better than 20 years ago. More people are seeing how important it is that they learn the language and tribes now have technology to spread their native tongues to people in local communities as well as those who live far away.

“For the first time in history, someone can learn the Potawatomi language regardless of where they live,” said Neely. “We have also just started offering the course at the collegiate level through St. Gregory’s University.”

If you are interested in Potawatomi language resources, please visit www.potawatomi.org/lang to get access to a free 4,500-word Lexique Pro Potawatomi Dictionary and on-line language courses.

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Monarch partnership: One year later

Last year, Citizen Potawatomi Nation partnered with six Oklahoma tribes, the Euchee Butterfly Farm and the University of Kansas Monarch Watch to reestablish monarch butterfly habitats on tribal lands in Oklahoma. They competed for the first – and hugely competitive – grant from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Foundation for monarch habitat restoration and were the only tribal partnership funded.

“Oklahoma is in the center of the recovery plan for the monarch migration highway,” Jane Breckinridge, co-project director of the Tribal Environmental Action for Monarchs project and director of Euchee Butterfly Farm said. “When I started approaching partners for this project, many non-tribal leaders asked why it is important. When I asked tribal leaders, none asked why we need to do it, just how they could help.”

To find and implement resources, like locally sourced milkweed seeds, nurseries to grow them and knowledge of conservation, Breckinridge contacted Chip Taylor – the director of Monarch Watch at the University of Kansas.

“We are both trying to learn habitat restoration from A to Z and impart that knowledge. We need to restore milkweed plants to continue [the monarch migration](#) – which is truly one of the more magnificent phenomena on the planet,” Taylor said. “What makes this project unique is that no one is working with seven communities or teaching people about restoration to create sustainability.”

Along with sharing the knowledge of hoop house construction and germination methods, tribes across Oklahoma are now sharing cultural knowledge and opening communication with each other through this project.

“Trying to restore native lands back to original health to protect and affirm sovereignty is something we all care about and we can work together to accomplish,” Breckinridge said. “It’s not just about doing the restoration – although that’s a fantastic goal – but we want to train the trainer. Once the knowledge comes to each tribe, it can go to tribal youth, into surrounding communities and out from there.”



Assistant Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Andrew Gourd works inside the hoop house.

Last year, the tribes planted 2,500 milkweeds each and collected native seed in the fall to clean and germinate. Each tribe is attempting to grow 4,000 native nectar plants in hoop houses during the winter to plant in the spring, with an additional 2,500 milkweed plants per tribe.

On April 11, CPN will host a public event about monarch education

at the North Reunion Hall with the help of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. To learn more about this project or RSVP for this event, please contact CPN Assistant Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Andrew Gourd at 405-878-5830 or Andrew.Gourd@potawatomi.org.

A look into CPN ethnology collections

By KeAnne Langford,
Ethnology Collections Manager

Bozho,

I am excited to write my second installment regarding my position and duties at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center as the Ethnology Collections Manager.

As discussed in my previous article, the CPN Ethnology Collection is comprised of items that have been loaned (given to CHC for a designated amount of time), gifted (permanently given to CHC), or purchased by the CHC curatorial staff to supplement the collection.

The collection itself is made up of smaller curatorial groupings of objects. An item will be cataloged into a certain collection based on many factors such as the donor or loaner's wishes, condition and needs of the CHC. Most items that are donated or loaned are cataloged into the permanent collection which means that these items can be displayed if deemed suitable. They are only handled by the curatorial staff and the item has the proper accompanying paperwork, including a loan agreement or deed of gift.

Some institutions separate their donated and loaned objects, but we cat-



KeAnne Langford

alogue them together to better keep track of items and to give them similar catalog number sequences. I will discuss this numbering sequence in the next installment. It is noted in the paperwork if an item is loaned and this is reflected throughout documentation.

Objects in the permanent collection are properly safeguarded to ensure that the item survives well into the future. Special measures are taken by the curatorial staff to maintain not only the object, but also its associated records as well. An object is just an object without the history or origin to go along with it. Furthermore,

objects in the permanent collection can be loaned to other institutions for display if deemed appropriate because the CHC solely owns the object.

Items can also be cataloged into the education collection. The objects in this collection are cataloged similarly to the objects in the permanent collection, but these items can be handled by people outside of the curatorial staff. As much as we do not want anything to happen to the items in this collection, they are intended to be handled and used for teaching purposes. An example of an item that we have in the education collection

is a *bagwzhanatek* (stickball stick) that the curatorial staff purchased. In addition, if there are multiples of an item, some might be deemed acceptable for the education collection and while others go into the permanent collection; typically the items that are in the best condition go into the permanent collection.

Finally, very similar to the education collection is the prop collection, which is comprised of objects that the CHC curatorial staff has acquired over the years to supplement exhibitions. Props are utilized throughout the exhibit space in the CHC. Even though these items may be handled by those outside of the curatorial staff, touching items on display at the CHC is strictly prohibited unless the exhibit or item is explicitly labeled as an interactive. Props can either be purchased or made. For example, we have multiple replica firearms that were built for our CPN Veterans' Memorial and exhibit. On that note, if you haven't had a chance to look at the veterans' memorial and exhibit recently, please visit the CHC and check it out. We have the exhibit updated through World War I and it is looking very nice.

If you have any questions for the curatorial staff, please contact the CHC at (405) 878-5830.

Capps continued...

was a key figure in the enactment of a compulsory education law providing for state payments to widows dependent on their children's earnings, of legislation implementing the constitutional ban on child labor and of laws aimed at unsafe working conditions.

Alongside the vice-chairman, Oklahoma County Commissioner for District 1, Willa Johnson, was also recognized for her service in multiple national and statewide organizations.

From 1976-1984, Capps worked as a high school business teacher and Indian Education director at Dover Public Schools and Tecumseh Public Schools respectively. From 1987-1997 she served as a government-contracting specialist with the Oklahoma Bid Assistance Program before joining Gordon Cooper Technology Center as an adult education instructor.

Since 1998 she has worked full time at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation

in conjunction with her duties as vice-chairman, having been an elected official at the Nation since 1987.

Vice-Chairman Capps has served on the board for Rural Enterprises, Inc. of Durant, Oklahoma, The Foundation Board for Seminole State College, Gordon Cooper Technology Center Foundation and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Community Development Advisory Council. She has been active in community and civic organizations in the Tecumseh and Shawnee area for years and is a current member of the Board of Directors of First National Bank & Trust of Shawnee.

She is also a past Tecumseh, Oklahoma Citizen of the Year, a member of the Gordon Cooper Technology Center Hall of Fame, 2016 AARP Oklahoma Indian Elders awardee and 2016 Gordon Richards, Sr. Public Service Award winner. However, she said the 1997 Small Business Administration's Oklahoma Minority Advocate of the Year award is her most prized honor.

CPN Veterans report: March 2017



By Daryl Talbot, Commander

Bozho,

There are a lot of changes going on this year with the CPN Veterans Organization. We have a new team leader for our Color Guard, Derek Skaggs. He was trained by Herb Holton who has built our color guard to the high standard it is today. I believe Derek is up to the challenge.

How many of you veterans out there have registered with the Veterans Administration? There are many benefits to registering. Be informed. We have a new veterans' service representative for our area, Steve Webb. He has an office in the new CPN Workforce and Social Services (formerly known as Employment and Training) building east of the CPN Administration Building. He will be in that office every first and third Monday of each month and at Oklahoma Work Force at the Gordon Cooper Technical Center on North Harrison in Shawnee, Oklahoma every Tuesday. All you need is your DD214.

Please go see him and get acquainted. You can call him at: (918) 397-2566 or email at swebb@odva.state.ok.us.

The CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard presented the colors at the 4-H Air Gun Competition at the FireLake Arena. It is the only time I have ever seen a crowd that knew what to do when the flag was marched in and retired (marched out) and what to do during the National Anthem. Everyone saluted our nation's flag as we marched in and out, and everyone saluted during the singing of the national anthem. It was an honor to carry the colors for a crowd like that. There is hope for our country after all.

Migwetch.

Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome. A meal is provided.



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To the voters of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation:

On June 24, 2017 the offices of tribal chairman and legislative districts 1,2,3 and 4 are on the ballot for election at the CPN Family Reunion Festival.

Nationally, every Citizen Potawatomi member of voting age can cast a ballot for the office of tribal chairman. Only those living in districts 1-4 can cast ballots for those legislative offices.

In the coming months, this newspaper will feature articles and interviews with the candidates for tribal offices to better inform you, the voters, of their positions on issues impacting the tribe, their specific districts, and the state of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its path in the coming years.

To provide an initial introduction to the voters for each candidate on the ballot this year, the *Hownikan* provided free space for an ad in this March 2017 edition of the newspaper. Those ads are found on page 10 and 11 of this paper.

Migwetch,

The staff of the *Hownikan*


TO DISTRICT 2 CITIZENS,

I have filed again to represent you, and others haven't come forward to run against me for the District 2 Legislative position. This means I will be sworn as your Legislator during our General Council Meeting in June. I am excited and energized for the coming four-year term. It is a privilege to be your representative. I will do my best to bring together all of us reds and blues (the colors of ojindis, the bluebird). Please be an active part of our District 2 community and call or write me!

Ojindiskwe/Bluebirdwoman

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JAHN ERIC HUMPHREYS

CANDIDATE - CITIZEN POTAWATOMI - DISTRICT 3



My name is Jahn Eric Humphreys. Only by all of us being involved and committed can we see our Nation strengthen and grow. Decisions and actions taken now will affect generations to come.


I am a member of the Slavin family, grandson of the late Theresa Slavin Reed and son of the late John Eckford Humphreys. I currently reside in San Leon, Texas, south of Houston. I am an attorney, specializing in family and children matters. I am an expert in the Indian Child Welfare Act, (ICWA). I am also a Parenting Facilitator/ Coordinator, and a Mediator. I work with parents to make sure that the children come first.

I was born in Borger, Texas, and grew up in Dallas, Texas. I received my Bachelor's degree from the University of Houston. I received my Doctor of Juris Prudence from Mississippi College, in Jackson, Mississippi, with the assistance of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

- I would like to see health care availability improved for our District.
- I would like to see us expand our relationships with other tribes and develop a voting block with other tribes to strengthen our influence on the national scene.
- I would like to see us take advantage of ever changing technology to make sure that all members know their history, rights and benefits provided by the Tribe through the use of such things as webinars, on-line blogs, and other on-line tools.
- I would like to see our Nation continue to grow and prosper by diversifying and developing new businesses. In addition, I would like to see our Nation assist individual members in developing their own businesses.
- As we move into the future, I want to see our Nation thrive. I think that new ideas are needed to help achieve this goal, while still honoring the past.

This is a position I want and a job I can do to the benefit of our people. Join me in insuring a bright future for our people. I would appreciate your vote at the Family Reunion Festival, June 24, 2017. If you are not attending, please remember to mail your ballot in.

Jahn Eric Humphreys | jahnhumphreys@gmail.com




RE-ELECT JON BOURSAW

DISTRICT 4 LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

I AM COMMITTED TO

- Continue to be responsive to the questions, concerns and needs of the CPN members in District Four
- Keeping CPN members informed of significant legislative issues and actions.
- Continue to host District meetings in Wichita, Kansas City, Rossville and Garden City.
- Proudly continue to represent the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as a member of the Kansas Historical Foundation Board of Directors and the Shawnee County Historical Society Board of Trustees.
- Continue to tell the history of Citizen Potawatomi people and their contributions to the early history of Kansas.
- Maintaining availability in Topeka Office

I wholeheartedly solicit your support for the Chairman John A. Barrett and District 3 Representative Robert Whistler in this election.



Theresa Adame

Returning to Serve You


District 4 Kansas

After many encouraging words from constituents of District 4 Kansas, I'm excited to enter the ring again! Being a source of cultural information and representating your rights/heritage is an honor.


I look forward to serving our elders and veterans who have served us so well.

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RE-ELECT TRIBAL CHAIRMAN JOHN BARRETT



Under the leadership of Tribal Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett, CPN has accomplished:

- Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the tribe, its commercial enterprises and public service programs have gone from having assets totaling just \$550 to a vibrant tribe with an annual economic impact of more than \$550 million.
- Ownership of only 2.5 five acres to an astounding 11,500 acres of land.
- Growth of more than 15 percent annually for more than 20 consecutive years.

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Employees	26	51	650	2,245
Scholarships	97	75	1,431	3,066
Revenue	\$5,819,097	\$18,798,928	\$126,670,619	\$300,876,905
Assets	\$9,036,785	\$54,276,926	\$233,252,625	\$630,919,745

“Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Tribal Chairman since 1985.”
Tribal Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett - Keweoqe - “He leads them home”

Bozho Nikan

My name is Steve Castaneda and I am running for the Office of Chairman for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

I Moved to Shawnee Oklahoma 8 Years ago from California so that I could run for office. I am the Candidate for the People, because what is a Tribe without it’s members. We as the people have given when asked and have received little to nothing in return. It is about time that the Tribal Office gives back to it’s people.

With that said I am here for you! You can contact me at (405) 549-4055 with any questions you may have and we can talk about our Tribes future.

Ball Fields at FireLake launches new smartphone app

If it's close to spring time in central Oklahoma that means that CPN-owned FireLake Ball Fields is back open for business. Because there are increasing numbers of teams, players, coaches and parents involved, management recently began updating scores, schedules and information through a smartphone app available in the iTunes and Google Play stores.

"We wanted to be able to send updated information to inform our parents, coaches and teams of rain delays, time changes or field numbers for their games," said FireLake Ballfields Director Kelly Reavis. "By having the app on their phone, parents and grandparents don't have to wait on the coach."

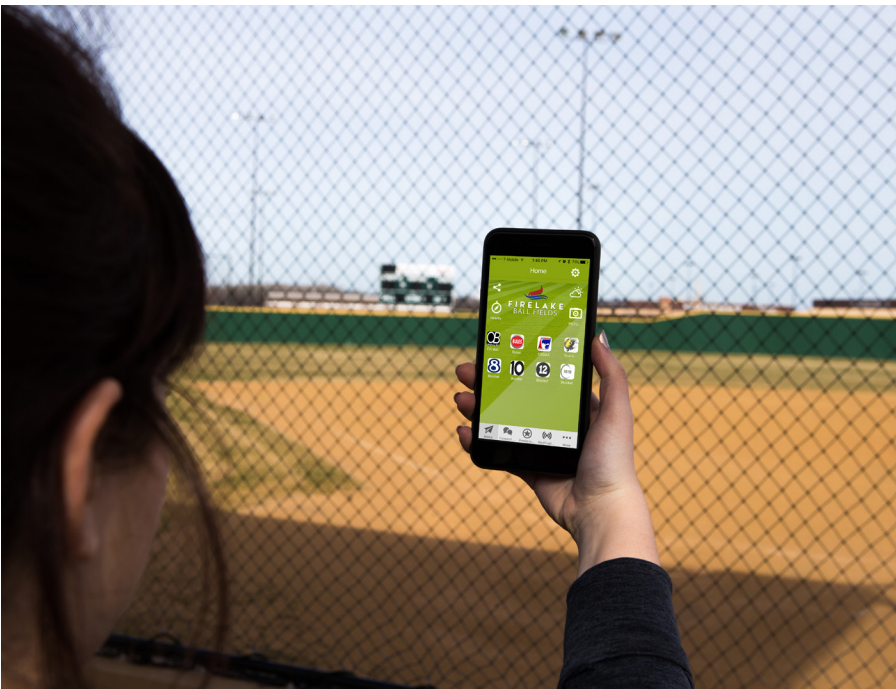
Reavis and the management of the ball fields update the app's information each round of a competition once the last out is called in a game. Brackets and pool games are updated, and this allows spectators at the ball park or checking on a team's progress in a tournament to stay informed from home. The teams are broken up by age group, providing for an easy and simple way of finding teams and schedules.

"I've even had a grandparent who isn't from near here thank us for having the app because they were able to keep track of their grandkid's team during a tournament," noted Reavis.

The app is available in both Google Play and iTunes stores under 'Ballfields at Firelake' and can be verified by the picture, which is the same logo as the ball fields website and Facebook pages. It was created by a Denver-based app and mobile-web-site design firm, AKA 142 Media.

Reavis had been looking for a way to provide these kinds of updates to families and coaches for some time. While the ball fields' staff updates tournament information on the website www.OklahomaBall.com, typically that's a source more familiar to coaches and tournament organizers only. If one isn't familiar with the format of the website, it is difficult to navigate and track an individual team's progress during a hectic tournament weekend. At FireLake, Reavis estimates that on average there are 40 teams playing weekly during its busy seasons.

Larry James, a part time employee during the summer months also serves as wrestling coach at Shawnee



The app is available on iTunes and Google Play stores.

High School during the year and told Reavis of the app that he uses to update his student athletes, parents and coaches.

FireLake has developed into the premier destination for numerous high school softball state tournament competitions due to its high quality facilities and central location. It has hosted the USSA World Series, Jim Thorpe Games as well as numerous collegiate competitions. It's digital presence isn't only found in the iTunes and Google Play stores, but is also on social media at Facebook.com/BallFieldsAtFireLake and at www.theballfieldsatfirelake.com. The physical address is 18160 Rangeline Road, Shawnee, OK 74801 and host tournaments nearly all year round.

FireLodge Rekindling 7 Generations Tribal Youth Program update: March 2017

By Lakota Pochedley, FireLodge Tribal Youth Program Manager

To start off this March, Citizen Potawatomi Nation has decided to merge the efforts of the CPN Cultural Heritage Center's Rekindling 7 Generations cultural education program and FireLodge Tribal Youth's Potawatomi Learning and Cultural Exchange – better known as the PLACE program. To usher in this new program, we will be hosting two parent and youth open houses to showcase all the changes and new programming FireLodge's Rekindling 7 Generations Tribal Youth Program has to offer!

If you plan to attend, we ask that you RSVP by March 2. You can either RSVP by filling out this form: <http://cpn.news/RK7RSVP> or calling 405-214-5110.

We will be opening enrollment and releasing our new application on March 1. The online application can be accessed here: <http://cpn.news/RK7App>. At this link is our



Hosea Ramirez, Justyn Logan, Jamie Walker and Hannah Camron play stickball.

letter and updated sign-up sheet for RK7, cpn.news/RK7FLY.

As we move forward as a united program, FireLodge Tribal Youth Program's Rekindling 7 Generations maintains a cooperative mission of all past CPN youth-related programs. FTYP's Rekindling 7 Generations nurtures the spiritual, mental, physical and social development of Potawatomi and Native youth and their community. It does this by root-

ing them in their Potawatomi culture, familial and intergenerational bonds and intertribal relationships to grow the future tribal leaders, citizens, and partners of Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The vision of FTYP's Rekindling 7 Generations is our next generation will develop and renew respectful, reciprocal, and responsible relationships with themselves, their peers, their communities and future generations. Non-Native students are welcome to participate in our programs because it is important for all youth to have a better understanding of their peers and larger communities in which we all live together.

As we move forward to support this mission and vision of our united programs, we welcome our new partnership with CPN Behavioral Health Program to better serve our youth. Rickey Whisenhunt has recently been hired to serve as an on-site counselor to provide services for our youth and their families, but also we look forward to developing suicide and substance abuse prevention programming that is made to fit our community's needs.

We encourage everyone to like our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/R7Gen to stay up to date about our new program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Lakota.Pochedley@potawatomi.org or 405-878-5830. All our programs are Potawatomi and Native preference.

RE-ELECT BOB WHISTLER FOR DISTRICT 3 LEGISLATOR

I have submitted my application as a candidate to run in the 2017 election to represent our Nation's District Three CPN constituents.

It has been a great honor and privilege to have been your representative for the last four years.

If re-elected, I promise to serve you well and will continue to look for any and all opportunities to extend benefits and services to help each of you. I ask for your vote.

PLEASE VOTE FOR BOB WHISTLER! MIGWETCH!

Paid for by Bob Whistler



Tribal Chairman - John "Rocky" Barrett

- June 3 Vancouver, Washington

I hope to see many of you at these meetings. They are always informational and a lot of fun. The regional meetings are an ideal time to ask any questions you may have about your tribe. It is also a good opportunity to find out more about tribal traditions and culture, learn about ceremony and tribal history, and meet your blood relatives. You are certain to meet relatives because we are all descendants of the same 44 or so families that were the entire tribe in 1861 in Kansas. That was the year we became an independent, federally recognized tribe of American Indians. Your children and grandchildren will enjoy the meeting as well. There are activities for the young ones

and a chance for the older children to see and realize their tribal heritage. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation belongs to each of you equally. There is no hierarchy. Old or young, male or female, you are all equal under tribal law.

That law creates a clear picture of what is or is not an American Indian of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Under both federal and tribal law, any person of Citizen Potawatomi Nation blood whose parents or grandparents were or are eligible for enrollment in the tribe is entitled to citizenship in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. This is a legal and political right. It has nothing to do with the Bureau of Indian Affairs' historical fiction of "blood degree." In our tribe, there is no such thing. One is

either a Citizen Potawatomi or not. There is no "partial citizenship," no one half or one fourth or any such fraction. If the Nation issues you a certificate of citizenship – then you are a full citizen with the same legal status, same culture, language, government and territory as any other tribal citizen.

The regional meetings are also the best place to talk face to face about the responsibilities and privileges that go along with your citizenship. You will also hear about tribal scholarships, and other education and health benefits, home loans and grants, housing opportunities, elder assistance, heritage research, Potawatomi language education, tribal court jurisdiction and the many activities and

facilities here at the Nation for you to enjoy. Please attend. We will share a meal and have some laughs, maybe even sing a little. You will enjoy it.

Since this is an election year, you may also want to ask questions of the candidates to help you to decide how to vote, as well as how to register and receive a ballot. I am a candidate for re-election and welcome any topic you may wish to discuss. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your tribal chairman since 1985.

Migwetch,

John "Rocky" Barrett
Keweoge
He Leads Them Home
Tribal Chairman

Bozho Nikanek,
(Hello my friends)

The coming spring will be a busy time for regional meetings of the tribe. Here is a schedule of the meetings I will be able to attend.

- March 18 Tyler, Texas
- April 9 Tucson, Arizona
- April 22 or 23 Texas Motor Speedway, Ft. Worth, Texas
- May 6 Rossville, Kansas
- May 7 Wichita, Kansas



Vice-Chairman - Linda Capps

ment and wildlife conservation. I was not aware of the organization, but I am committed to learn more about their function and purpose in the weeks to come.

Recently, I became aware of Ball Auction Service. Ball has been around our area since 1969. Those who frequent auctions would know of Ball Service. Unfortunately, I do not have the opportunity to go to auctions like I did at one period in my life. I believe that Ball Service

Event Center. The workers for Jerry O'Connor and Ball Auction Service spent the entire day before the event moving vehicles and other items into the Grand Event Center in preparation of the event. The auction began at 10 a.m. and lasted until all items were sold, which was at approximately 6 p.m.

I am always happy to see new, enterprising events come to the tribe. Why would I be so excited to see this particular event? The featured long-time collector and auto enthusiast that is holding the auction is none other than our own Potawatomi tribal member Jerry O'Connor. Jerry and some of his friends have made the decision to sell their collections at the first event of its kind at the Grand. Jerry has been in auto sales since he was a very young man and autos have been his lifetime career path, hobby and livelihood. A long-time owner of a new and used car dealership, he presently owns and operates OK Classics of Shawnee, Oklahoma where he sells antique, vintage and classic vehicles.

Please do not be misled by thinking Jerry's only interest is cars. He raises cattle, is a competent investor and saves numerous kinds of memorabilia. Jerry's beloved wife, Phyllis, passed away in 2015, but they shared a lifetime of fun and excitement with their two children and five grandchildren; all of whom exhibit tremendous talent for sports, academics and other interests. Jerry recently told me that he and Phyllis were fortunate to have traveled extensively throughout the Un-



Jerry O'Connor

ted States and the world. I know for sure, that Jerry and Phyllis have been a blessing to not only their family, but to many friends throughout Oklahoma.

The Peltier family is Jerry O'Connor's Potawatomi heritage family. He has been an active member of many organizations throughout his adult life in Shawnee and the Pottawatomie County area. He is a charter member of the tribe's First National Bank & Trust Co. Board of Directors. For both Jerry and the tribe, it was great seeing the auction go as a huge success. It is exciting to me to see the vehicles being moved into the event center. Those who are middle age and older will appreciate the collec-

tion greatly. Even younger people would be astonished to see the collection, which also includes bikes and auto toys.

The car auction is just one of many new events planned at the Grand and FireLake Arena. Next summer we hope to see a large hunting and fishing show at FireLake Arena, a balloon festival and other new attractions. It is especially gratifying to me to bring details of events that feature our tribal members. The car and memorabilia auction will be a thing of the past when you read this article, but I am hoping that it may be an annual event. That way we can post the details for the next one far in advance.

As usual, I appreciate serving as your vice chairman. I am honored to represent you and our progressive, respected tribe.

Migwetch,

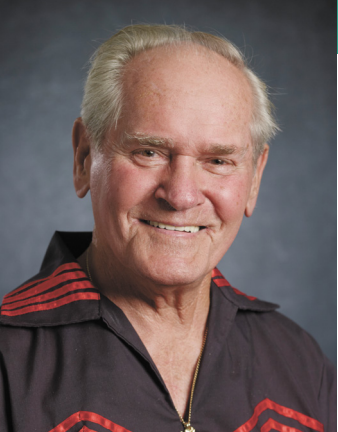
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that there is a foundation in the State of Oklahoma to help support wildlife. The Safari West Wildlife Foundation helps people of all ages develop a deeper appreciation of the natural environ-

ment and wildlife conservation. I was not aware of the organization, but I am committed to learn more about their function and purpose in the weeks to come.





Bozho nikan,
(Hello friend)

The last several days have been very busy for me and especially for my wife Julia as we prepare for a District 1 meeting on April 29 at the

District 1 - Roy Slavin

Morris Inn located on the campus of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

There is a long history of involvement between the Potawatomi people and Notre Dame. The title of a tract of land (St. Mary's of the Lake) now known as Notre Dame was conveyed by Father Badin to Bishop Brute in 1835. It was on this tract of land that Father Badin established the first orphan home and school for Indians in Indiana. The home and school were abandoned a year later but seven years later Notre

Dame University was founded.

Invitations to the meeting will be sent to CPN members in six states. They are Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Missouri. That being said all CPN members are welcome to attend, so if you are in the area or would like to take a vacation and come to this meeting you are certainly welcome. During the meeting we will honor the members who are the wisest, youngest and furthest traveled with nice gifts.

Chairman John Barrett and Vice-Chairman Linda Capps will both speak and be available for questions, as will I. Lunch will be served and coffee and soft drinks will be available during the meeting. Rich Meyer will speak about Potawatomi of the area and will lead a tour of the log chapel where Father Petit, who accompanied the Potawatomi people on the Trail of Death during the removal period, is buried.

The Morris Inn has been kind enough to offer a reduced rate, just mention

the Potawatomi meeting at check in. Come join us at this beautiful historic site.

As always I will end this article with a plea for your contact information. Due to privacy issues the Nation cannot provide me with that information. I can be reached at Rslavin@potawatomi.org or rjslavin@gmail.com.

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District 1 Potawatomi,
mark your calendars for a meeting at
Notre Dame University!

April 29, 2017
from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Attendees will include D1 Legislator Roy Slavin, CPN Chairman John Barrett, and CPN Vice-Chairman Linda Capps who will present honors to meeting attendees.

Guest speaker Rich Meyer will speak on Potawatomi in the D1 area and we'll tour the cabin of Fr. Petit after a lunch that is provided.

Mention Potawatomi Nation to book discounted rooms at Morris Inn but please RSVP April 21, 2017 so we have enough for lunch to rslavin@potawatomi.org or jmoucka@potawatomi.org or 1-888-741-5767.

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District 2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho nikanek!
(Hello my friends)

We had a great meeting in Cape Coral, Florida last month. It had all the warmth of the best family get togethers, and no unfortunate, embarrassing relative incidents (I know that you know what I'm talking about).

My favorite part of the meetings I host in our district is how we start out – with introductions. I pass the wireless microphone around to everyone attending, to share family names, heritage information and stories of how they and their families find themselves in our part of the world (i.e., not Oklahoma). In Cape Coral, attendees accepted the passed mic with enthusiasm and shared why they were excited to be together and offered their stories. We reaffirmed that we are all family once that ritual was completed.

Igwien (special thanks) to Ted Welfelt for sharing with everyone his explorations of our heritage and his crafting expertise. Ted brought to

the meeting various feather, wood and leather crafts, as well as eagle feathers that he made available to heads of households, which was so generous and much appreciated. *Igwien* also to Dennis Johnson for sharing heritage information that provided context for our ancestors' hard work and accomplishments. Dennis and his family also graciously provided another east coast Floridian a ride to the meeting. (That made my heart light – to see that a sense of community is flourishing in District 2.) It was a happy coincidence that Michael Dunn and his wife, as well as his son Mikey Dunn, were in town from Oklahoma to visit with their mother and grandmother Barbara Dunn. In addition to all being lovely folks, the two Michaels were excellent at Mac troubleshooting and helped me get our PowerPoints and movie working. *Migwetch* for the IT expertise.

The film we previewed is titled "Like Birds in a Wind Storm." It was written and directed by Susan Green. It offers insights into our descendants' forced removal in 1838 from Indiana to Kansas, and features, among others, Sister Virginia Pearl and Dr. George Godfrey. The story and music are moving. I recommend the film to you, which was produced by the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association and our



The Cape Coral group.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I distributed to those at our meeting an order form for the 54-minute film; the form, and more information about the film (which costs \$15, including shipping), are at www.potawatomi-tda.org/docdvd.htm. Just in case you are wondering: I don't receive a commission for DVD sales – just the good feeling that more Potawatomi are learning about those who came before us.

The Cape Coral meeting took place on the same weekend that my aunt, Agnes Wood Barron/*Demen*, was feted in honor of her 90th birthday by close and extended family and friends. Party-goers who were Juneaus, or married to Juneaus, then took the party from my cousin's house in St. James City on Saturday afternoon, to the CPN meeting venue in Cape Coral on Sunday afternoon. Happily, the result was that "Aunt Aggie" turned out to be the wisest of the Potawatomi in attendance at the meeting. In the group photo I include here, Agnes is the lovely woman holding her gift Pendleton blanket. Her delight during the meeting was shared by all the other attendees who were able to celebrate her milestone birthday with her. A wide array of meeting photos is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/cpncapecoral>.

Many questions were asked during the meeting. Figuring others may have the same questions, I am including a few of them, and the answers, here.

Is there a list of Honored Families for the CPN Family Reunion Festival? Yes, you can find it on my website, evamariocarney.com. Under the 'Heritage' tab, you will find annual listings of Honored Families (that is,

folks from particular families who will have honor dances, group photos, and other special recognitions, during their "honor year", at our CPN Family Reunion Festival, held each year during the last weekend in June). That list through 2022 is part of this column.

Everyone who is a CPN member can attend the Festival, regardless of whether one is in an honored family, but many choose to plan a family reunion during the year in which their family is being honored.

How do I order an eagle feather from our aviary or from the federal government, and how do I care for my feathers? If you input the password "Potawatomi heritage" (no quote marks) into that same 'Heritage' page on my website you will find information on (a) the significance and care of eagle feathers (Including use of cedar to repel bugs attracted to the feathers); (b) the applications (both U.S. and CPN) for possession of eagle feathers and parts, and (c) information on smudging feathers etc. Please contact me if you have any questions about the information posted here.

I've moved from Oklahoma; what medical care is available to me through the tribe here in District 2? Also on my website, under the 'Services' tab, is the link to information on medical services offered by Indian Health Services, searchable by zip code. You'll find that there is limited availability in our District 2, with some exceptions: please visit <http://cpn.news/IHSClinicsUSA> and input your zip code for information relevant to you and your family members.

When are we meeting up next? With regard to future

District 2 events, I hope to have a meeting in Arkansas this spring, and expect that the chairman may be coming east (probably to Alexandria, Virginia) this spring as well. I will update my website calendar, and send emails, as I have more data. Please send a note to ecarney@potawatomi.org if you want to be added to my group email list.

Is there information available yet about the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations that's scheduled for August? Information is starting to flow on the events. Walpole Island has posted the dates and hotel information at [Facebook.com/PotawatomiGathering17](https://www.facebook.com/PotawatomiGathering17). I suggest you reserve a room soon if you plan to attend the Gathering during the first weekend in August. The CPN website (www.potawatomi.org) emphasizes the importance of having a current passport or passport card, since the Gathering will be held outside the United States, on Walpole Island in Canada. It also includes information on how to reserve a bus seat from Shawnee to the Gathering location and back; please visit the following link for more details: <http://tinyurl.com/passport17>.

It's an honor to serve as your representative. I'm excited that I will be doing so for another four years, since I did not draw an opponent in the upcoming June election. Please call on me as needed.

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CPN FAMILY REUNION FESTIVAL HONORED FAMILIES

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<p>2019</p> <p>JOHNSON, LAFROMBOISE, LAREAU, LECLAIRE, MELOTT, RHODD, TESCIER, WELD, YOUNG</p>	<p>2020</p> <p>BRUNO, DARLING, HARDIN, HIGBEE, LEWIS, NADEAU, SLAVIN, SMITH</p>
<p>2021</p> <p>ACTON, BERGERON, CURLEY, DELONAI, GREEMORE, LEVIER, NEGAHNQUET, PAMBOGO</p>	<p>2022</p> <p>CLARDY, FRAPP, KAHDOT, JUNEAU, PAPPAN, CRUMBO, MULLER</p>

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Bozho nikanek,
(Hello friends)

District 3 - Bob Whistler

ample when we got into the Affordable Care Act, I found an insurance broker that was able to work with several of our members and get them into an insurance program that they could afford. While I have several other projects in mind that I am working on, the one that I just started is the formation of the Native American Business and Contractor Association of Texas.

As many of you may recall, I served in a number of capacities with the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas. That was dissolved about two years ago due to lack of income and participants. There is a real need for this type of organization. Every ethnic group has either a chamber or association to assist their members in the business world, so I have joined forces with a Chickasaw-Cherokee citizen and we just filed with the IRS for the tax number for a new association. If any of you have your own business or are a contractor where it can be designated as a Native American operation please contact me for details.

2016 was a busy year. We held four legislative meetings, one of which was in concert with the five days spent for Family Festival. I was personally in attendance at each meeting. I represented us at the Santa Fe Days Indian weekend in Carrollton. In August we hosted the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations in Shawnee, Oklahoma and I was there for this wonderful event. It will be held in Canada at Walpole Island this coming August and I urge you to attend if possible. I am an Ambassador for American Indian Heritage Day of Texas which is held the last Saturday each September. Because of my activity there, CPN was the

honored tribe in 2016. As that ambassador and your representative, I attended the Trader Village and University of Texas Arlington Powwows. There were many meetings that I attended in helping with organizing the American Indian Heritage Day. The meetings start in January and run through September. In October a week was spent in Phoenix as a delegate for our Nation at the National Congress of American Indians. That particular event was very rewarding since I found an attorney who will help, on a pro bono basis, our veterans that have been denied veteran benefits. I also found a firm that makes tribal ID cards that will more closely conform to what TSA will require in the future for access into the secure areas for airport travel. That information was passed on to tribal rolls and is being investigated at this time.

While at NCAI, I was able to address the convention members, and also the U.S. vice-secretary of Indian Health Service of the need for a health care facility in the Houston area. As a point of information, as a percent of the population in the area, the six county area in south Texas that includes Houston, has a greater percent of their population that are Native Americans than Dallas, New York, Chicago or Los Angeles. Yet each of those cities has a Indian health clinic and I requested that the next IHS facility built in the U.S. be in Houston. In the Dallas area we have the Cherokee Community of North Texas which is a group similar to our District 3. I have been a guest at a number of their meetings and it helps me stay current with members of their organization that are active in Texas.

Last month, District 4 representative Jon Boursaw's column basically briefed all of us on the details of the activity in his district. I felt that it was time for you hear how I have taken on my role to represent you. When, I ran for this office, initially it appeared that most of what I would be doing is attending a few meetings. No two districts are the same. Each of the sixteen legislators, in addition to handling their basic legislative role relative to resolutions, and budget review and oversight also have local or unique areas where they become involved as that district's representative. Much of this is done without our saying anything since our monthly columns tend to cover other areas that are possibly more important at the moment. None the less, each of your elected representatives takes this responsibility very seriously and I know strives to give you the best that they can provide.

In closing, I am honored and proud to be your elected representative. I thank you for that honor and privilege. About the time that you will receive this month's *Hownikan*, you will be receiving a letter from our election committee. This year the offices of tribal chairman and legislative districts 1,2,3, and 4 along with budget items will be on the ballot. The election committee sends out notices that absentee ballots may be requested by tribal members who will not be able to attend Family Festival on June 24 to cast their vote. Please be sure to submit your request. When the ballot arrives, complete and return it immediately. There is an early deadline around the first of June for absentee ballot submission. The ballot request forms are mailed to your last known address with

the CPN Tribal Rolls Department. If you don't remember the last time you updated your information with that department, now is a good time to do so. Just because you may get services from another tribal department or the mail order pharmacy doesn't mean the tribal rolls department has your information, due to privacy laws your health care information is kept separate. You can contact them at (800) 880-9880.

As a gentle reminder, on March 18-19 Santa Fe Days will be held in Carrollton. I will have more information on this and will send out an email note with details. I will be in Tyler at our meeting there on March 18, but will be at Santa Fe Days on the March 19 and hope to see you there. If you don't routinely get emails from me, please send me your email address. I don't send may emails, but there are times that I do send out a notice on something that can't wait for a monthly column.

If you have a need for my help on any tribal matter, please either email me or call. You have my cell phone number and it is there for you.

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District 4 - Jon Boursaw

Meet the candidates meetings: Chairman Barrett has scheduled two meetings in District 4 to provide the opportunity for our members to meet the candidates in the upcoming legislative election. Lunch will be served at both meetings. The meeting dates and locations are:

- May 6, 2017: CPN Community Center Rossville
- May 7, 2017: Mid-America All-Indian Center Wichita

Within a few weeks you will receive the standard post card invitation with final details and information on how to RSVP your attendance.

Native American History in Kansas: This month's column will be the first time I will include information on a little known item of Native American history in Kansas. I plan to occasionally include bits of history of other tribes in Kansas in addition to

our own. How many of you have heard the term Kanza, or Kaw, Half-Breed Tracts? This term is not intended to be derogatory as this is how they are labelled in historical documents and on maps of that period.

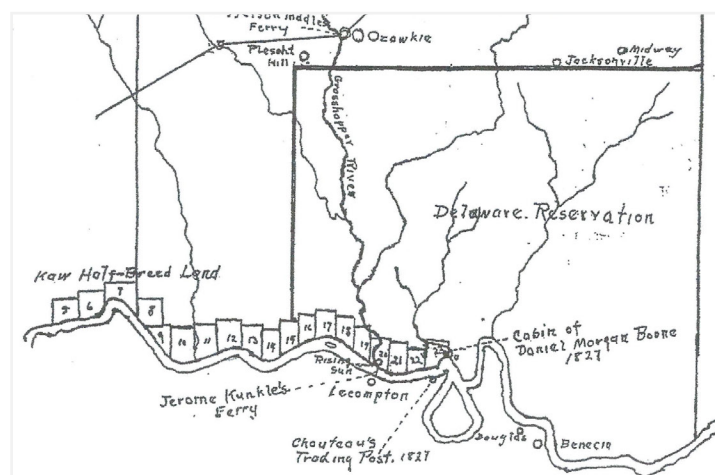
Kanza, or Kaw, Half-Breed Tracts: I've learned quite a bit about these tracts since I was first involved with the National Park Service last summer in the initial planning sessions for the design of a theme park commemorating the Oregon Trail crossing point on the Kansas River. The proposed site of this park is the location of what was Pappan's Ferry Landing on the north bank of the Kansas River in Topeka and is on the location of what had been at least one of these tracts.

Prior to 1825 the majority of the Kanza Indians, who were indigenous to the region, lived at the confluence of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers, now Kansas City. They signed a treaty with the U.S. government in 1825 which assigned them to a reservation just west of present day Topeka. (Note: 21 years later the Potawatomi would be relocated to a portion of this reservation). For his participation in signing this treaty, Chief White Plume was able to secure specific tracts for his mixed-blood grandchild

dren and their heirs. These tracts were one-square-mile plots along the north side of the Kansas River. They stretched from the eastern boundary of the reservation, now present day Gage Boulevard in Topeka, east to present day Perry which is across the river from historic Lecompton. The map shown here of Jefferson County shows these tracts still existed as late as 1857. Shawnee County and Topeka would be immediately west of the area depicted on this map.

Three of Chief White Plume's granddaughters would later marry Pappan brothers, who were trappers on the Kansas River. Julie, who received Tract 4, married Louis Pappan; Josette, Tract 3, married Joseph Pappan, and Victorie, Tract 6, married Achan Pappan. The fourth granddaughter, Pelagie, who received Tract 5, married Annabel Francouer. All four families moved to their tracts in the spring of 1840. Seeing the economic opportunity, the Pappan brothers began a ferry business to transport travelers and settlers across the Kansas River. These four tracts occupy the very heart of the north side of the Kansas River in present day Topeka.

Another interesting fact is that Ellen, the daughter of Louis and Julie Pappan,



Kansas map in 1857.

would marry Oren Curtis. They had two children, a daughter, Elizabeth, and a son, Charles, who would later become the 31st Vice President of the United States. Several of Curtis' biographies tell of him living with his grandparents on the Half-Breed Tract 4 in his younger years.

2017 Potawatomi Leadership Program application period is now open: The PLP application period is open until April 15. This program for members ages 18-20 provides the opportunity to learn about the tribe's government, economic development, history and culture. District 4 has been represented in previous PLP programs and I would like to see us represented again this year. This year's program will take place from Friday, June 16 to Saturday, July 29.

To learn more and apply online go to plp.potawatomi.org.

Finally, it has been a pleasure to serve as your legislative representative over the past three and a half years and I am looking forward to serving you during the next several years with enthusiasm.

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District 7 - Mark Johnson

the popular hand games. If you are planning to attend and would like to participate in the hand games on Friday evening, I would like to organize a District 7 Hand Games Team so please give me a call if you are interested. Saturday's highlights are in-person voting for the tribal elections and the afternoon CPN General Council meeting in FireLake Arena followed by the evening's Grand Entry at the festival grounds. More information can be found here <http://cpn.news/Festival2017>.

I would also like to remind our members that the deadline for the 2017 Potawatomi Leadership Program application is April 15. Every summer, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation brings 8-10 tribal members ages 18-20 to learn about the tribe's government, economic development and culture as



part of the Potawatomi Leadership Program. This year's program runs from Friday, June 16 through Saturday, July 29. To be eligible for the Potawatomi Leadership Program, students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, be 18-20 years old by the program's start date, and have not completed more than one year of college. Travel expenses, housing, food and a weekly stipend are all provided. In addition, students

can receive three college credits from St. Gregory's University for completing the program. Students can learn more and apply online at plp.potawatomi.org. This excellent program builds the future leaders of our nation.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be

happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. Please also take the time to give me a call or send me an email with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

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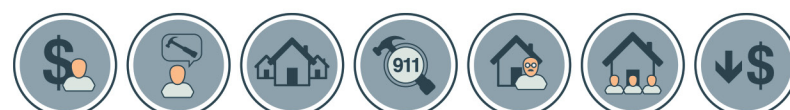
Bozho nikanek,
(Hello friends)

The annual Family Reunion Festival is rapidly approaching and it's never too early to make plans and get your room reservations with your family to attend the gathering in Shawnee. This year's celebration runs from June 23-25.

The Honored Families for 2017 are listed here.

Activities range from arts and crafts to sporting events and cultural events including

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District 8 - Dave Carney

Bozho,

It's snowing here in Olympia as I write in early February, and the kids have a "snow day." I understand that the schools have been closed so many days in the Portland area that summer vacation will be starting very late. Looks like it's been a pretty hard winter all around District 8, particularly in Montana and parts of the Dakotas.

Today (February 6) is also the day after that crazy Super Bowl, the first ever ending in overtime. There is a national movement to make the

Monday after Super Bowl a national holiday, and it is the day ranked highest for people calling in sick to work. The end of football season has me thinking about my most athletic relative, Jim Thorpe – known as "the world's greatest athlete."

Thorpe was born and baptized Jacobus Francis Thorpe in 1888 on his mother's allotment in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. His "Indian Name" was Wa-Tho-Huk, which is most often translated as "Bright Path." His father was an Irishman and his mother Charlotte Vieux was a member of the Sac and Fox Tribe, but also had Potawatomi blood. Like me, Charlotte and Jim were descendants of Chief Louis Vieux.

Thorpe became known nationally due to his football career at Carlisle Indian School. He was a halfback, place kicker, punter and de-

fender, leading his team to a surprise victory over top ranked Harvard in November 1911. He was key to the team's blowout victory over West Point the following year and Thorpe garnered All-American honors in the 1911 and 1912 seasons.

Thorpe became known to the world for his outstanding performances at pentathlon and decathlon the 1912 Olympics held in Sweden. He won eight out of 15 events and took home two gold medals. It is at this time, that King Gustav of Sweden was to have said, "You, sir, are the greatest athlete in the world."

He also played an exhibition baseball game at the Olympics that year.

The following year, Jim Thorpe was stripped of his medals when it was discovered that he had played minor league baseball in North Carolina a couple of years



Jim Thorpe at the 1912 Olympics.

prior to the Olympics. This broke the Olympics' strict rules about amateurism. This seems particularly crazy in light of our NBA stars today defeating teams from all around the world.

Jim Thorpe went on to play professional baseball and

football. In 1963 he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Potential regional meeting: The chairman as well as other members of the executive branch and staff will be traveling across the country this spring. It is looking likely that there will be a meeting in May in the Portland-Vancouver area. I will send out more information as it becomes available by way of my email updates. If you live in District 8, please send me your email address.

As always, it is my honor to represent you and it is my pleasure to hear from you and assist you where I can.

Migwetch,

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District 13 - Bobbi Bowden

Bozho,

With summer time just around the corner it is a great time to think about purchasing a home! A lot of families choose this time to purchase a new home once school is out for summer break so they can get their families settled before the

new school year begins. I would like to remind or let members know about a benefit that is available to all enrolled tribal members!

Our CPN Housing Department has a One Time Grant Program available to enrolled tribal members who are purchasing, building or refinancing a home. This grant is used for closing costs or down payment. The Nation's bank, First National Bank and Trust Co. is also ready to help you with all of your mortgage needs! Please contact the bank at 405-275-8830 if they can be of service to you.

In addition to this wonderful benefit the Nation's housing department also offers assistance in new home construction, emergency home repair loans and elder home repairs. Contact the housing department for information, applications or any questions. They can be reached at (405) 273-2833 or (800) 880-9980. We are blessed to have these benefits available to us. Please spread the word with your CPN family members!

As for an update on my "quest" to learn more about our culture, my children and I have been reading and learning about the Trail of

Death. There are 33 chronicles on our website www.Potawatomi.org that teach what our ancestors went through from 1838 when they were forcibly removed from their lands in Indiana and began their journey to Kansas, their final destination.

Out of the 859 Potawatomi who started the journey that travelled across Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and finally Kansas, 41 lost their lives. We are planning a road trip to see the the Trail of Death Memorial at St. Mary's, Kansas over spring break. It has been great sharing and learning with my children in

hopes that one day they will pass these pieces of our history along to their children. Thank you to those who have so willingly answered my questions I look forward to many more visits with you!

Wishing everyone health and happiness!

It is an honor to be one of your Oklahoma legislative representatives.

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Harry Leonard



Harry Leonard, 83, of Belton, Missouri passed away December 14, 2016. Harry was born Sept. 4, 1933 to Clarence and Norma Leonard.

Harry retired from the Air Force with the rank of Master Sergeant in 1972 after 20 years of service. After his time in the Air Force, he worked for Ford Motor Company regional office for 24 years.

Harry is preceded in death by his parents; sister: Margarite; brother: Earl; sons: David and Michael Leonard; daughter: Susan Brown.

Harry is survived by his wife: Barbara, after 63 years of marriage as of July 12, 2016; grandson: Brandon Leonard; granddaughter: Heather Spence (William); great-grandson: Andrew Michael Spence; daughter-in-law: Debbie Leonard; sisters: Helen Howell, Lela Hughey and Madeline Graham all of California.

Services were held on Dec. 18, 2016. Burial followed at Floral Hills Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Fond memories and condolences may be left at www.floralhillsfuneralhome.com. Arr.: D.W. Newcomer's Sons Floral Hills Funeral Home, 7000 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri 64133 (816) 353-1218.

Richard Charles Mabry



Richard (Rick) Charles Mabry, 67, of Abilene, Texas, passed away December 1, 2016 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Rick was born June 28, 1949 in Topeka, Kansas to Charles Harold Mabry and Charlotte Irene (McKinley) Mabry. Rick graduated Shawnee Mission West High School and received a Bachelor's of Business Administration (1971) from Washburn University and a Doctor of Law de-

gree from Washburn School of Law (1973). Commissioned as second lieutenant upon graduation from college, he entered the USAF in 1974 as a captain and served as a JAG officer at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico; Osan AB, Republic of Korea (where he met and married his loving wife); Camp New-Amsterdam, the Netherlands and Dyess AFB, Texas.

After leaving the Air Force in 1983, he began private practice in Abilene where he concentrated on criminal defense and family practice. He was a member of Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association since 1983. He was elected President of the Abilene Bar Association in 2004-2005. As a founding member of Big Country Criminal Defense Lawyers Association he served as its original Secretary. Rick served as a Deacon at First Baptist of Abilene, and as a Children's Leader for Bible Study Fellowship. He was a devoted husband and father who immensely enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years: Sunyoung (An) Mabry; children: Raymond C. and Jessica of Dallas, Christopher A. and Rachel of Abilene; grandchildren: Lillian, Reece, Claire and Hannah; sisters: Sandy and Frank Sheble of Basehor, Kansas, Marge and Larry Seger of Queen Creek, Arizona and Ada and Larry Novak of Augusta, Kansas.

Services were held at the First Baptist of Abilene on Dec. 8, 2016. As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to the ALS Association.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family through the obituary link at www.elmwoodfuneral.com.

Doyle Morton Thompson



Doyle Morton Thompson, age 80, of Harrah, Oklahoma, passed away December 11, 2016 at his home. Doyle was born in Harrah on Nov. 6, 1936 to Johnnie Albert and Naomi Parelee Thompson. He was married to Leah Rae Ross Brand on Feb. 14, 1969. Into this union, he brought his sons, Larry and Jerry.

He was preceded in death by his son: Larry, Jan. 2015, who he loved dearly; his parents; and his brother: Leo.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife: Leah; son: Jerry and daughter-in-law, Tina of Delight, Arkansas; step-son: Michael Ross Brand of Harrah; grandchildren: Zachary Moore and wife, Danielle of Dierks, Arkansas, and Tiffany Thompson of Hot Springs, Arkansas; great-grandchildren: Dylan and Katelyn of Dierks; sister: Barbara Butler of Stillwater, Oklahoma; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends,

including his "domino playing buddies" at the Citizen Potawatomi Elders Center in McLoud, Oklahoma.

Doyle graduated from Harrah High School and later took classes at Rose State and two years at OSU for further education and training for his job in Mechanical Engineering at Tinker Air Force Base. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany for 3 1/2 years and worked for several years in various states as an insulator on power plants and refineries. Doyle retired from Tinker Air Force Base in 1990.

He was a man of many talents and abilities. He enjoyed woodworking, small engine repair and gardening. He was extremely proud of his Citizen Potawatomi heritage.

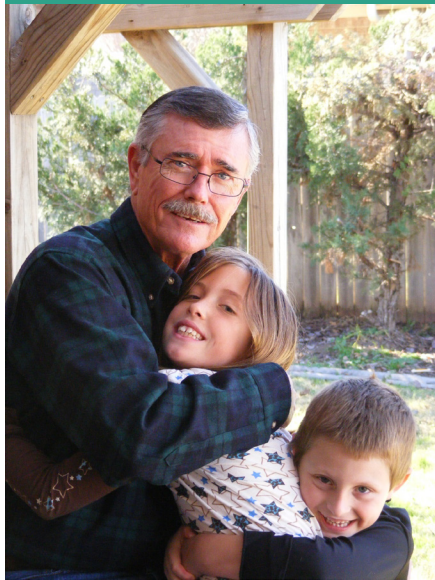
Thank you God for giving us such a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. God did what he thought best-- whispered "Come & Rest". You bid no one a last farewell, nor even said "Good-bye" you were gone before we knew it and only God knows why. It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone, for a part of us went with you the day God called you home. You will be greatly missed by those whose lives you touched.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the Sooner Hospice staff for the wonderful care they gave to Doyle. Lauren, his nurse and Gi Gi, his aide were so faithful and kind. We were so blessed by Lauren's presence at our beckon call.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Choctaw United Methodist Church or a charity of your choice.

A memorial service was held Dec. 15, 2016, at the Asa Smith Memorial Chapel, Harrah, Oklahoma. Burial was private. Services were under the direction of Smith-Parks Funeral Service in Harrah, Oklahoma.

Patrick Eugene O'Connor



Patrick Eugene O'Connor, 72, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, was welcomed home by God and reunited with our Heavenly family on December 12, 2016.

Born March 1, 1944 in Huntington Park, California, into a military family, Pat was raised in Shawnee, Oklahoma and attended St. Benedict, Acme and Shawnee schools where his siblings and friends remember him as a handsome motorcycle daredevil that was both charming and scrappy. He was trained as a butcher, but became a self-taught artist. He married the love of his life, Cheryle in 1978.

He was employed by Tinker Air Force Base as a mechanical illustrator and portrait artist and retired after 26 years of service. He spent his spare time winning national and state awards for his motorcycle racing, deep sea diving, and skeet shooting. He also became a highly sought after wildlife artist working in graphite, oils, acrylics, woodwork, and bronze. His works received international acclaim. Three of his large art pieces remain in Oklahoma: two bronze statues, an American bald eagle at the Oklahoma City Zoo and St. Kateri at St. Gregory's University; and a life-size painted pony in front of OK Classics in Shawnee. He was a gear-head his whole life resulting in his pinnacle of perfection, a 1933 Ford Coupe, that has won Best of Show numerous times and been highlighted in a number of magazines.

Pat was greeted in Heaven by parents Patrick and Ara Mae (O'Bright) O'Connor and a brother Joseph who was born lifeless; aunts Norma, Ollie and Rosie and uncle Buddy (Andrew Wesley) O'Bright; aunts Ann and Helen and uncles Albert, Garland, Joe, John, Mike and Vernon O'Connor; and his sister in law Phyllis O'Connor.

A descendant of the Peltier family, Pat is survived by wife of 38 years, Cheryle and two daughters, Shanna (O'Connor) Larsen and Lisa (O'Connor) Kraft; three grandchildren Samuel and Sydney Larsen and Conrad Kraft; brothers Robert and Jeanette O'Connor, Jerry O'Connor, and Donald and Becky O'Connor and sister, Madeline and Jim Vanwagner; numerous nieces (Carrie Keiffer, Melisa Humphrey, Amber Randall, and Magan Looper) and nephews (Craig O'Connor, Jason O'Connor, Christopher, Andrew and Michael Vanwagner) and all of their spouses and amazing children; aunt Judith O'Bright and daughters (Stacie, Michelle, and Kelli); great aunt Joy Farley and her husband Eddie; and many cousins.

Norma Jean Goss

Norma Jean Goss, 85, passed away Sunday, June 26, 2016 at the White River Medical Center. She was born in Oklahoma on April 26, 1931. Norma was a member of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Elva and Della Swarb; her husband: L.D. Goss; daughter: Sharon Davis; and son: Larry Goss.

She is survived by daughters: Martha Esch and Lisa Branch; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and dear friends.

A Memorial service was held in Greers Ferry, Arkansas, on Friday, July 1, 2016.

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Alice Marjorie Greenwalt



Alice Marjorie Greenwalt passed into glory at the age of 93 on January 1, 2017 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Alice was born in Wanette, Oklahoma to William and Maude Bergeron the 12th of 14 children

She graduated at age 17 from Shawnee High School. She loved the Lord and served with her husband in churches in Oklahoma, Texas, Illinois, California and Germany.

Her written testimony reads: “I accepted Christ as my Savior at the age of 9 years during a revival meeting at Eagle Baptist Church and baptized soon thereafter. While attending Immanuel Baptist Church in Shawnee, I met Adolph Greenwalt when he came to my home to plan a Cottage Revival, in which 12 of my neighbors accepted Christ. Then months later on Jan. 24, 1941, we were married by our pastor, Tom Wiles. Adolph preceded me in death Feb. 13, 1995, three weeks after our 54th wedding anniversary.”

According to Alice’s own words, here priorities were: (1) God’s will for my life, (2) family and church, and (3) to do my best and pray for God to the do the rest. Her motto with Adolph was: “Each for the other and both for the Lord.” She taught Sunday School classes for 75 years, as well leading out in many other ministries in church and denominational work. The highlights of her life were centered on ministry, family and life-long friends. She also wrote: “If I have accomplished anything worthwhile in my lifetime, it is because I was just an ordinary woman with a great God.”

Alice and Adolph had seven children. Truett, the oldest, precede her in death in 1997. She is survived by six children and their spouses: David and Meche Greenwalt, Marti and Bill Roberts, Galen and Sondra Greenwalt, Noel and Janice Greenwalt, John and Cathy Green-

walt, Roger and Julie Greenwalt; 15 grandchildren and their families; 30 great-grandchildren; and other extended family and friends.

Services were held on January 6, 2017 at Tecumseh First Baptist Church with Galen Greenwalt, Earlsboro Indian Baptist Church and Reverend Tony Peak officiating under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh. Interment followed at a later date in Wasco, California.

Christopher Clarkson Kasperek



Christopher Clarkson Kasperek, 31, of Lawrence and Oskaloosa, died January 17, 2017 at Overland Park Regional Medical Center. Christopher was born Feb. 26, 1985 in Alva, Oklahoma, the son of Edwin Clarkson and Alana Rae Fabrizius Kasperek.

He attended schools in Oskaloosa and was a 2005 graduate of Oskaloosa High School, where he proudly served as equipment manager and number 1 fan for all sports for 16 years, from 1997 to 2013. He currently served as Head Cashier at the University of Kansas Student Union Market Place. He formerly worked for Crowd Systems of Lawrence at Kansas University Athletic events and summers at the Oskaloosa Public Pool.

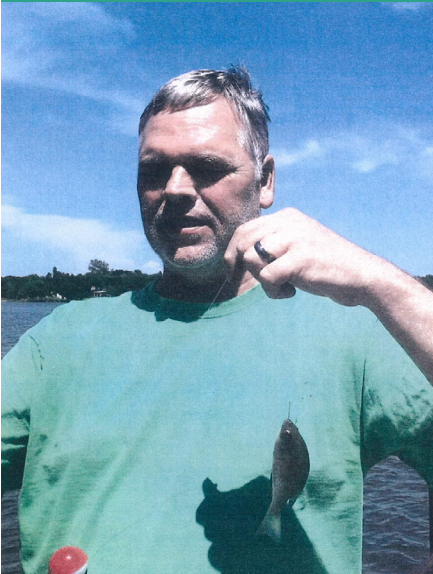
He was an avid fan of Kansas University and Oskaloosa athletics and was an “Oskaloosa Bear For Life.” Christopher was a member of the First Baptist Church of McLouth and was a member Boy Scouts of America, achieving Eagle Scout in 2003. He was a member of Citizen’s Potawatomi Nation of Shawnee, Oklahoma. He was very socially active and was a member of Natural Ties of Lawrence, T.A.G, of McLouth and the Special Olympics. He was a true and genuine character who had a zest for life with a smile bigger than life.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather: Alana R. Kasperek and William “Bill” Heard, Sr. of Oskaloosa; his maternal grandparents: Karlynn and Albert Yanke, WaKeeney of Kansas; one brother: Joseph Daniel Kasperek of Lawrence; many aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

Funeral Services were held January 21, 2017 at McLouth First Baptist Church.

Memorials are suggested to Christopher C. Kasperek memorial fund, to be determined later, in care of Barnett Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Oskaloosa, Kansas, 66066.

Donald Lynn Savory



Donald (Don) Lynn Savory’s life on this earth was cut short after a nearly three year battle with renal cell carcinoma. During the last several months of his life, Don was paralyzed and unable to move or feel his lower extremities. As he walks on to his heavenly resting place, he will without a doubt, be thrilled to be able to do just that—walk. Don left this earth at the young age of 53 years.

Don was born to Dale and Edith Savory on May 11, 1963 in Guthrie, Oklahoma. He was a graduate of Guthrie High School and it was there that he honed his passion for electronics. Don went on to become a licensed heat and air contractor where his mechanical/electrical abilities gave him a huge advantage. Don also taught the HVAC course at Rose State College for a brief time. His hobbies included fishing, boating and inventing electronic gadgets. He passed peacefully at his home in Guthrie surrounded by loved ones on December 27, 2016.

He is survived by his wife: Linda Savory; son: Chris Savory; daughters:

Holly McCorkle and Kelly Mitchell; mother: Edith Savory; father: Dale Savory; brothers: Jeff Savory and Rick Savory; sister: Suzanne Reidlecker; grandchildren: Alexis Savory, Braylee McCorkle and Adrian Mitchell.

Memorial services were held at the Lighthouse Tabernacle in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for their role in the healthcare that was provided to Don.

Ngom she é pam sét ode (Today he walks)

Johnny Ray Smith



Johnny Ray Smith, age 55, of Chickasha, Oklahoma passed away on September 1, 2016.

Johnny was born on July 26, 1961 in Antlers, Oklahoma to Elva (Flowers) Smith and Wamon Smith. Johnny was raised primarily in central California. Johnny spent a great portion of his adult life living in Oregon, until ten years ago, moving back to Oklahoma to be closer to his family.

Johnny was a kind person that was willing to go out of his way to help others. Johnny enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Johnny also enjoyed time with his dogs, Hercules and Athena. During his time in Chickasha, he was able to spend more time with his Mother, Elva and two oldest sons, Andy and Michael Smith, all members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, descendants of the Holloway family.

Johnny was preceded in death by his father: Wamon Smith; younger sister: Ramona "Pebbles" Smith Griffith; grand-daughter: Sarah Rae Smith; and grandmother: Florena Farley Blackwood.

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be notified in order for CPN to provide burial funding. Information and instructions for the burial process will be sent to the next of kin and will be discussed then.

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